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SUBJ: U.S.-POLAND SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM -
VISIT OF DR. THOMAS B. OWEN

REF: WARSAW 4768

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES COMMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL BUT
IN LIGHT OF STATUS OF MATTER IN WASHINGTON WE CONSIDER IT
WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS TIME TO URGE GOP TO PROCEED
URGENTLY ON QUESTION OF JOINT FUNDING OF U.S.-POLISH S&T
PROJECTS. THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT AMONG AGENCIES HERE
ON JOINT FUNDING QUESTION NOR HAS OMB NOR TREASURY BEEN
APPROACHED ON THE ISSUE AS YET.

2. THEREFORE, IN DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING OF DR. OWEN ON
SEPTEMBER 13 WE INDICATED THAT HE SHOULD REFER TO JOINT
FUNDING ISSUE VERY GINGERLY AND NOT TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT.

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HOPEFULLY, BY THE TIME THAT DR. STEVER MAKES HIS VISIT TO

WARSAW, TENTATIVELY PROJECTED FOR LATE NOVEMBER, HE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO AGREE IN PRINCIPLE AND LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT FUND. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT FORMAL AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED HERE IN WASHINGTON WHEN MINISTER KACZMAREK VISITS HERE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF NEXT YEAR, PROVIDED AUTHORITY FOR OUR ENTERING INTO SUCH AGREEMENT IS FORTHCOMING.

3. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING EMBASSY VIEWS ON DETAILS FOR JOINT FUNDING MECHANISM. RUSH

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